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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Technology Center 2600

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method of routing between a source node and a destination node in a network having nodes connected by links, wherein compression is used on at least one of said links, wherein the method comprises:

performing at least two routing calculations for a given number of compressions, said routing calculations comprising a first routing calculation for a number of compressions less than said given number, and a second routing calculation for a given number of compressions using information obtained from the first routing calculation.

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